

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS Center*

School: [Rice University](#) **Date:** [10/26/2015](#)

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Is the Rep a school Alum? [No](#)

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? [Yes](#)

Last year's Freshman Profile: [SAT: 750-800 per section + 2 subject tests in your academic area of interest](#) [ACT: 33-35](#)
(Rice doesn't track GPA because each high school calculates it differently. They take a holistic view of all applicants.)

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? [Yes](#)

Super Score? [Yes for SAT, Highest Composite for ACT](#)

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? [Varies. 4-5 on AP Exam may count as credit. Final decision is made by the registrar whether or not to give college credit.](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities – What does the school look for? [Well rounded individuals that challenge themselves above and beyond their high school and do well. Rice is looking for "impact people."](#)

Most popular majors at this school: [Economics is the most popular. Ranked #3 in the country for Architecture which is a 6 year program. 7 schools with 50+ majors.](#)

Does chosen major affect decision process? [For Architecture and nursing, faculty members have an input on which applicants are chosen. Other majors are not declared until the end of the sophomore year. Although, incoming freshman need to state their academic area of interest. This is non-binding and can easily be changed.](#)

Study Abroad Programs? [Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, and Year-Long Programs. Financial Aid and scholarship money can be used toward study abroad. There are also scholarships for international study.](#)

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? [Yes, great opportunities in Houston & abroad. Houston - 4th largest city in the US.](#)

Research Opportunities? [Rice is a "comprehensive research university." Rice is across the street from the world's largest medical center. Students can complete research as early as their freshman year. 80% do research, an internship, or study abroad.](#)

Special successes the school is known for: [Birthplace of nano-technology. Baker Institute for Public Policy is one of the leading nonpartisan public think tanks in the country. Oshman Engineering Design Kitchen designs solutions for real world problems – Pedi Power – harness the power created as you walk.](#)

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? [Rice offers a multitude of scholarships including the new Loan Star Scholarship which is \\$10,000 renewal for 4 years. This will be awarded to 30 applicants.](#)

When are scholarship deadlines? [Applicants are automatically considered for scholarships with their application.](#)

What is the Total cost of Attendance?	Tuition	\$41,560
	Room & Board	13,650
	Books & Supplies	800
	Fees & Personal Expenses	2,273
	Total Per Year	\$58,283

Need blind admissions process. [Rice will meet 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students and student loans will not exceed \\$10,000 total over a student's 4 years at Rice.](#)

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? [Ongoing daily tours. Preview days in Sept and Oct. Can customize your visit to include info session, campus tour, lunch with a current student, attend a class, and spend the night.](#)

Applications

When are application deadlines? [Binding Early Decision Nov 1 \(20% admit rate\), Regular Decision Jan 1 \(16% admit\)](#)

Is an essay required for all decision options? [Yes. There is also a subset of essays in the supplement](#)

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? [Yes, 2 letters of recommendation: 1 counselor and 1 teacher](#)

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? [Yes. Interviews can be done on-campus beginning the summer before your Senior Year. Interviews can be done off-campus \(locally\) after your application is sent in. Interviews can be scheduled online.](#)

What does the school look for in each “round” of decisions? [same](#)

Does the school use the Common App? [Yes](#)

How many applicants are received per year? [Last year: 18,000 applied; 2,300 accepted; 955 admitted](#)

How much is the application fee? [\\$75](#) Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? [No](#)

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc.)? [Division I Conference USA](#)

Are sporting events free? [Yes](#) Is there a ticket lottery? [No](#)

Do freshmen live on campus? [Not required however 90% of students live on campus all 4 years.](#)

What are the dorms like? [11 residential colleges \(similar to the residential colleges at Harvard and Yale\). Students live, dine, and interact with faculty mentors. Each has its own government, budget, and intramural teams.](#)

What is the undergraduate enrollment? [3,845](#) Total enrollment? [6,455](#)

Percentage of male: female? [52% male: 48% female](#)

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students? [Students from all 50 states, 40+ countries, approx 42% from Texas](#)

The percentage of students participating in Greek Life? [0% \(Being in a residential college at Rice is similar to being in a fraternity or sorority.\)](#)

Where is the school located? [Houston, Texas \(the energy capitol of the world\)](#)

How far is it from Milton? [1.5 hours by plane, 12 hours by car](#)

Other:

- [Flexible distribution of classes – instead of core classes, students are required to take 4 humanities, 4 natural sciences, and 4 social sciences. Science classes can include “science of cooking.”](#)
- [Voted #1 best quality of life for students](#)
- [Passport to Houston - free access to museums, zoos, metro rail system, and bus system](#)
- [14 Rice alums were in space. NASA is located in Houston. Mechanical engineering classes deal with NASA.](#)
- [Median class size – 14. Student to Faculty Ratio – 6:1. 85% of classes are taught by professors](#)
- [240+ clubs and organizations](#)
- [Consistently ranked in the top 20 colleges and universities in the US](#)